AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended):   An image forming method for forming an image on a

printable object on the basis of image data obtained by editing images of a plurality of originals,

the method comprising the steps of:

determining an image composited area of a first original by indicating coordinates

of the image composited area;

extracting an image extracted area of a second original to produce image data

pertaining to the image extracted area by indicating coordinates of the image extracted area;

editing the image data so as to composite the image extracted area of the second

original into the image composited area of the first original in order to obtain post-editing image

data for representing a composite image based on the first and second originals; and

forming the composite image on a printable object in accordance with the post-

editing image data[[.]]

wherein the editing step is operative to effect a scaling process to fit the image

located in the image extracted area of the second original to the image composited area of the

first original by comparing the size of the image composited area with the size of the image

extracted area.

2. (original):   The image forming method of claim 1, further comprising a step of

designating an editorial process in which the image extracted area of the second original is edited

relative to the image composited area of the first original, wherein the editing step is performed

in accordance with the editorial process.

3. (canceled).

4. (currently amended): The image forming method of claim [[3]] 1, wherein the image

extracted area of the second original is read in accordance with a scaling factor obtained as a

result of the scaling process.

5. (original): The image forming method of claim 1, further comprising a step of storing

a portion or a whole of image data pertaining to the respective first and second originals, wherein

a storage image obtained in the storing step is read in the editing step in order to composite a

read image into the image composited area of the first original.

6. (canceled).

7. (original): The image forming method of claim 4, further comprising a step of storing

a portion or a whole of image data pertaining to the respective first and second originals, wherein

a storage image obtained in the storing step is read in the editing step in order to composite a

read image into the image composited area of the first original.

8. (canceled).

9. (currently amended): An image forming system, comprising:

a coordinate input device which is capable of indicating an image composited area of a first original and an image extracted area of a second original;

a command input device which is capable of designating an editorial process in which the image extracted area of the second original is edited relative to the image composited area of the first original;

a scanner section which reads image data on the first and second originals;

an editing device which edits image data pertaining to the image extracted area of the second original so as to composite the image extracted area of the second original into the image composited area of the first original, in accordance with the editorial process designated by the command input device, in order to obtain post-editing image data for representing a composite image based on the first and second originals; and

a print device which forms the composite image on a printable object in accordance with the post-editing image data[[.]],

wherein the editing device is operative to compare a size of an image composited area of the first original indicated by the coordinate input device with a size of an image extracted area of the second original, thereby effecting a scaling process operative to fit an image located in the image extracted area to the image composited area.

10. (canceled).

11. (currently amended): The image forming system of claim [[10]] 9, wherein the
editing device performs a process for causing the scanner section to read the second original in
accordance with a scaling factor obtained as a result of the scaling process.

12. (original): The image forming system of claim 9, further comprising a storage device
which stores a portion or a whole of image data pertaining to the respective first and second
originals read by the scanner section,

wherein the editing device reads a storage image from the storage device, and
composites a read image into the image composited area of the first original.

13. (canceled).

14. (original): The image forming system of claim 11, further comprising a storage
device which stores a portion or a whole of image data pertaining to the respective first and
second originals read by the scanner section,

wherein the editing device reads a storage image from the storage device, and
composites a read image into the image composited area of the first original.

15. (canceled).